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1. During early November 1949, Soviet troops conducted field maneuvers in the area of Kose, southeast of Tallinn. A major general arrived from Moscow to lead the maneuvers.

2. Winter field training was held from 18 to 21 January 1950 in the area of Keila and Vasalemma, east of Paldiski. Estonian units as well as Soviet troops participated; all participants were equipped with snow-capes and skis. Troops were transported to the area of maneuvers by Soviet army transport units.

3. Units of the officially dissolved Estonian Corps have been observed recently. An Estonian unit, equipped with tanks and self-propelled artillery, participated in a military parade at Tallinn on 7 November 1949. The encampment of this unit reportedly is located at Lehtse, 7 km west of Tapa (59-15N, 25-57E). One Estonian unit equipped with medium tanks is encamped at the new barracks at Nova, near Keihulaht, about 40 km north of Khapsalu (Haapsalu) (58-56N, 23-32E).

4. No information concerning the arrival of Soviet paratroops has been obtained. However, one detachment of Dosav troops was equipped with parachutes at the 7 November parade at Tallinn. Dosav is using the Lasnamagi (Lasnamäe) airfield and a number of sport planes have been observed there.

5. On or about 1 February 1950, a Soviet engineer battalion arrived at Märjamaa, about 60 km east of Khapsalu. It is rumored that the construction of military installations in the area will begin in the spring of 1950.

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